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Mr. Matthew Cooper
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Re: Freedom of Information Act Request No. EPA-HQ-2018-011831

Dear Mr. Cooper:

This letter is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request submitted to the National Freedom of Information Officer, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), in which you requested "a printed or an electronic list of all companies/program partners that were active, participating home builders in the U.S. EPA ENERGY STAR for New Homes program on January 01, 2012."

The ENERGY STAR New Homes program is managed by the ENERGY STAR Residential Branch in the Climate Protection Partnerships Division (CPPD), Office of Atmospheric Programs, Office of Air and Radiation, U.S. EPA. The customer relationship management (CRM) database software that CPPD's ENERGY STAR Residential Branch uses does not allow direct retrieval of the precise records you are requesting. However, we have extracted two spreadsheets which, when combined, provide a list of all companies/program partners that were active, participating home builders in the U.S. EPA ENERGY STAR for New Homes program in 2012:

- 1) PEG FOIA – Builders Reporting a Home in 2011
- 2) PEG FOIA – ENERGY STAR Builders Joining in 2011

You will note that the names of many active, participating home builders in the first spreadsheet are repeated a number of times. This repetition occurs because this list was developed from a database of quarterly reports submitted to EPA during the year by the ENERGY STAR home builders and some home builders submit more than one type of report. Eliminating this duplication would require EPA to develop a custom report and if we were to do this, the fee for processing this FOIA request would exceed your user-designated fee limit of \$25.00. The second spreadsheet does not have exact duplication of builder names.

The cost of providing this information is \$ 21.00. An itemized invoice covering the charges for processing your request is enclosed. Please forward your check or money order,

made payable to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, within 30 days of the date of this response. Your check should refer to the FOIA case number above and should be accompanied by the top portion of the enclosed Bill for Collection. In a continued effort to streamline the FOIA process, EPA is now offering you the option of paying your FOIA bill on-line. There is no requirement for you to use the on-line system to pay your bill, but if you choose to do so, please go to www.pay.gov and follow the simple instructions. Please be sure to have your FOIA number available so that the payment can be applied to the correct charge.

This letter and the uploaded records conclude our response to your request. You may appeal this response by email at hq.foia@epa.gov, or by mail to EPA's National FOIA Office, U.S. EPA, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. (2310A), Washington, DC 20460 or through FOIAonline if you are an account holder. If you are submitting your appeal by hand delivery, courier service, or overnight delivery, you must address your correspondence to 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, William Jefferson Clinton North Building, Room 5315, Washington, DC 20460.

Your appeal must be made in writing, and it must be received no later than 90 calendar days from the date of this letter. The Agency will not consider appeals received after the 90-calendar-day limit. Appeals received after 5:00 pm EST will be considered received the next business day. The appeal letter should include the FOIA tracking number listed above. For quickest possible handling, the subject line of your email, the appeal letter, and its envelope, if applicable, should be marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

Additionally, you may seek assistance from EPA's FOIA Public Liaison at hq.foia@epa.gov or (202) 566-1667, or from the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS). You may contact OGIS in any of the following ways: by mail, Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, Room 2510, 8610 Adelphi Road, College Park, MD 20740-6001; e-mail, ogis@nara.gov; telephone, (202) 741-5770 or (877) 684-6448; and facsimile, (202) 741-5769.

We appreciate your interest in the EPA and our mission to protect public health and the environment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Carolyn Snyder', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Carolyn Snyder
Director
Climate Protection Partnerships Division

Enclosure